(b) In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and allocation of foodgrains, free of cost, under the Special Component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for relief employment, were made to the affected States.

(c) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir had reported drought situation but had not reported formal declaration of the areas affected by drought.

(d) Declaration of drought is made by the State Governments concerned taking into account various factors including deficit rainfall, Annawari/Girdawari etc.

Foot mouth free zone in Maharashtra

582. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from Maharashtra Government to create a foot and mouth free zone in the State to encourage export of meat products;

(b) whether Government have any scheme to fund such a proposal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government to the proposal of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

Drought

583. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of the country affected by severe droghts;